

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

November 15, 2010

12:00 PM

The special meeting of the Junction City City Commission was held on Monday, November 15, 2010 with Mayor Mike Rhodes presiding.

The following members of the Commission were present: Terry Heldstab, Mike Rhodes, Ken Talley, and Jack Taylor. Staff present was: City Manager Gerry Vernon and City Clerk Tyler Ficken.

NEW BUSINESS

A work session to discuss whether to proceed with ordinance modification to allow for shuttle transportation services with City of Junction City. Commissioner Johnson asked Ms. Pratzel what is required to run a taxi service. She stated that they need insurance, background checks, licensing, and inspections by the police department. Commissioner Johnson stated that there needs to be insurance and as little regulation as possible. Mr. Pewitt stated that insurance is \$6,500.00 per year, and there are laws regarding the color of the vehicles, state and federal permits are required. Mr. Pewitt stated that Mr. Murrell is not filing the correct information and does not exist in Junction City. Commissioner Johnson stated that a service like this needs to work for everyone, and the Roadrunner location is not appealing. Commissioner Johnson stated that it is the responsibility of the state and federal governments to provide their oversight on Mr. Murrell's business, and not the City. Mr. Pewitt stated that the federal government requires a station for business and vehicles cannot have tinted windows. Mr. Murrell stated that he contacted KDOT, and they stated that vans were good to go; they stated that 7 passengers vans are OK. Mr. Troope states that Mr. Murrell was not operating his business within the law and the Commission knew it. Commissioner Johnson stated that he felt the definition of a limousine service simply needs to be changed. Mr. Troope stated that the commission should not just grant exceptions to the law; the law needs to be changes and citizens need to be protected. Mr. Troope states that a business needs to comply with the law before in goes into business. Marty Rombold with USD 475 stated that Mr. Murrell's service is needed. She stated that the business takes homeless children to and from school for a reasonable price. She stated that taxi services in town are not reliable in this task. Ralph DeZago stated that the difference between the two services is that a Taxi can pick people up from the street while the shuttle or limousine service cannot; there needs to be a prior contract for those services. Mr. Troope stated that it is then an important issue to determine how long a contract must be in place before pickup. Commissioner Johnson stated that the law needs to be examined, and excessive regulation needs to be eliminated. Mr. DeZago stated that he would work on an ordinance to be presented to the City Commission for approval.

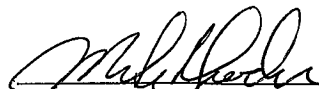
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Talley moved, seconded by Commissioner Heldstab to adjourn at 1:10 PM Ayes: Heldstab, Johnson, Rhodes, Talley, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 7th DAY OF DECEMBER 2010 AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2010.



Tyler Ficken, City Clerk



Mike Rhodes, Mayor